Women suffering from domestic violence

*365. DR. ABHISHEK MANUSINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a study was conducted between March, 2005 to April, 2006 by a team of doctors from the Department of Community Medicine, Lady Hardinge Medical College, who presented the report in the 34th National Conference of the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine in February, 2007;

(b) if so, whether the study has revealed that 42.8 per cent of the women have suffered from domestic violence; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to deal with such an alarming situation, especially emotional, physical and sexual violence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, according to the Directorate General of Health Service, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, New Delhi, the findings of the study, which was conducted on 350 women in the 15-49 years age group in one area of Delhi cannot be generalized for the whole city or the country.

(c) The Government has enacted the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, which has come into force *w.e.f.* 26th October, 2006, to protect women from violence of any kind occurring within the family.

Growth of food processing industries

*366. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the food processing units sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the food items processed therein; and

(c) the steps being taken to revive the units that have been closed down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) Details of number of food processing units to which grant for setting up/modernization/expansion of their units has been approved by the Ministry during last three years, namely, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The food items processed in these units include oil, solvent extraction, raw and boiled rice, pulses, biscuit and other bakery products, fruit and vegetable products, cashew, fish, seafood and meat, corn flakes and other ready-to-eat food items, dairy products. etc.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has no information on units that have been closed down in the State. For promotion and development of food processing industries and to enhance their financial viability, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Plan Scheme for Technology upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of food processing units. Under the above scheme, Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33 % subject to a maximum of Rs.75 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Laskshadweep and ITDP Areas.

Statement

Details of number of food processing units to which grant for setting up/ modernization/expansion of their units have been approved by the Ministry during last three years, namely, 2004-05, 2005-06 *and* 2006-07*, in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise*

Name of the District	Number of units
1	2
East Godavari	26
Medak	1
Cuddapah	5
Krishna	5
Guntur	6
Prakasam	1
Ranga Reddy	9
Kurnool	1
West Godavari	3
Chittoor	12
Nalgonda	2
Godavari	2
Karim Nagar	2
Vijayawada	1
Nizamabad	2
Warangal	2
Srikakulam	2
Kattedan	1
Gudur	1

1	2
Visakhapatnam	2
Khammam	1
Mahaboobnagar	1
Vizianagaram	1
Tirupati	1
Mandal	1
Kakinada	1
Nellore	3
Bhimavaram	3
Hyderabad	1
Ameerpet	1
Marredpally	1
TOTAL:	101

Nobel prize in science sector

†*367. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no Nobel prize has been awarded in the science sector after Independence;

(b) whether the necessary attention on research is being given;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred during the forthcoming ten years; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to enhance the interest in research work?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has taken a number of steps to promote scientific research in the country. It has established a large network of scientific research institutions and laboratories in the country catering to diverse research areas. There are also numerous schemes to fund research activities of individual scientists. A large number of centres of excellence have been established in emerging areas of scientific research. The Government of India has also undertaken a major exercise to strengthen the research infrastructure in universities and colleges at large. It also has major international collaboration arrangements in S&T

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.